

# VISITORS GUIDE to THE JOHN MINOR WISDOM COURT OF APPEALS BUILDING

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Public Entrance: 600 Camp Street Front Door Security: 310-7791  
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## Security Guidelines

- **A valid, official photo I.D. is required** - "Valid and Official" means federal, state, or municipal I.D. cards or licenses that contain a picture. Photo I.D.'s such as 'Sam's Club' cards are not acceptable.
- **No tape recording or video recording devices** are permitted
- **Guards do not have storage facilities** to hold any items
- **No cameras**
- **CELL PHONES** are permitted, but must be **OFF** inside the courtrooms
- **No weapons** of any kind, including pocket knives and mace
- **Laptop Computers** are acceptable
- **Handicapped Access** available on Capdeville St., push buzzer, or call ahead: (504) 310-7791

## Transportation

**United Cab: 522-9771**

**Airport Shuttles: 522-3500, 592-0555**

## Directions to the John Minor Wisdom Court of Appeals Building

The building at 600 Camp St. can be reached by taking Canal St. or Poydras St. southeast toward the river and turning right onto either St. Charles Ave., or two blocks further right onto Magazine Street.

The building is directly across from Lafayette Square which is bordered by Maestri Place, St. Charles, and Camp St. The building itself is bordered by Camp St., Poydras St., Magazine St., and Capdeville St.

### **Coming from East New Orleans**

- Merge onto I-10 West.
- Take EXIT 235B toward Canal St. / Superdome
- Stay straight to go onto S. Derbigny St.
- Turn Right onto Canal St.
- Turn Right onto St. Charles Ave.
- Turn Left onto S. Maestri Place
- Turn Left onto Camp St.

**Coming from West / Metairie area**

- Take I-10 East toward New Orleans
- Take Exit 234B on the left toward Poydras St. / Superdome
- Turn slight left onto Poydras St.
- Turn Right onto St. Charles Ave.
- Turn Left onto Maestri Place
- Turn Left onto Camp St.

**Parking near the Court of Appeals**

There are practically no public meters on the four streets bordering the federal buildings: Poydras, Camp, Magazine and Capdeville. There are public meters near the area, but they are hard to find and expensive for long term - you'll need lots of change!

The city quickly tows illegally parked cars; you may not get a warning ticket. Impound-towing fees are very expensive and it can take hours to retrieve your car. We don't want that to happen to you, so we made this list!

**Park One Inc.**

650 Poydras at Camp (entrance on Camp St.) 525-6911 7am -6pm \$13 - Fills up early in the day

**Parking Co. of America Inc.**

408 Camp St. (504) 558-0805 In early, out late: \$8

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501 Poydras St. (504) 524-3018 Very close, but fills up early, and cars get blocked in.  
Average price

**Self-service lots on Magazine at Julia Street**

Insert coins/bills into a slot on the honor system. These fill up early.

**Harrah's Casino Parking Garage**

Poydras at Convention Center Blvd. Not very close, but easy in and out, reliable, covered, with security. 5 blocks from courthouse, per hour rates, \$10-\$20 per day

**Hilton Riverside Garage**

2 Poydras 6 blocks from courthouse. Not very close, but easy in and out, reliable, covered, with security. Hourly rates, \$10-\$20 per day

**Hotel Parking Near the Courthouse - Pricey**

**Renaissance Arts:** \$23 per day

**Hotel Monaco:** \$29 per day

**Inter-Continental:** \$29 per day

**Quick Food Near the Courthouse**

The building provides vending machines on the first floor back hallway. There is also a federal cafeteria located in the basement of the Hale Boggs Building adjacent to the Court of Appeals. It is open for breakfast and lunch, Mondays through Fridays. There are many great restaurants within blocks of the courthouse. One local favorite is Bon Ton Café at 401 Magazine St. It is medium-priced and business casual.

The librarians keep copies of *Gambit's Annual Restaurant Guide*. ***Just ask!***

## **HOTELS**

Most hotels in New Orleans are sold out several months in advance of Mardi Gras, Jazzfest, the French Quarter Festival, Essence Festival, and Sugar Bowl Weekend. Premium rates apply during those times. Call the library for information on dates: (504) 310-7797.

### **In Order of Closest Proximity**

#### **Wyndham Hotel**

(0.07 miles)      610 Poydras      (504) 581-4222

#### **Lafayette Hotel Suites Downtown**

(0.07 miles)      600 St. Charles Ave.      (504) 524-4441

#### **Best Western**

(0.09 miles)      500 St. Charles Ave.      (504) 522-9000

#### **Inter-Continental**

(0.13 miles)      444 St. Charles Ave.      (504) 525-5566

#### **Ambassador**

(0.15 miles)      535 Tchoupitoulas St.      (504) 527-5271

#### **Staybridge Suites (new)**

(0.16 miles)      501 Tchoupitoulas at Poydras      (504) 571-1818

#### **Queen & Crescent Hotel**

(0.16 miles)      344 Camp St.      (504) 587-9700

#### **Renaissance Arts Hotel**

(0.18 miles)      700 Tchoupitoulas St.      (504) 613-2330

#### **Hotel Monaco New Orleans**

(0.19 miles)      333 St. Charles Ave.      (504) 561-0010

#### **La Quinta Inn**

(0.19 miles)      301 Camp St.      (504) 598-9977

#### **W Hotel New Orleans**

(0.19 miles)      333 Poydras St.      (504) 525-944

#### **Omni Royal Crescent Hotel**

(0.19 miles)      535 Gravier St.      (504) 527-0006

#### **Loews New Orleans Hotel**

(0.21 miles)      300 Poydras St.      (212) 521-2714

#### **Le Pavillon Hotel**

(0.23 miles)      833 Poydras      (504) 581-3111

**Homewood Suites Hotel**

(0.24 miles) 901 Poydras St. (504) 581-5599

**Windsor Court Hotel\***

(0.24 miles) 300 Gravier (504) 523-6000 \*Nationally rated four star hotel

**Major Hotels within 5 - 10 blocks of the Court of Appeals****Sheraton**

500 Canal St. (504) 525-2500

**Doubletree Hotel**

300 Canal St. (504) 581-1300

**Marriot**

555 Canal St. (504) 581-1000

**Embassy Suites**

315 Julia St. (504) 525-1993

**Wyndham Hotel**

701 Convention Ctr. Blvd. (504) 524-8200

**Courtyard by Marriot**

300 Julia St. (504) 598-9898

**Hilton**

2 Poydras (504) 561-0500

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**(504) 310-7797      Open Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm      <http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov>**

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- Comprehensive collection of congressional documents
- Library Internet site with links to opinions, publications, and research sites
- Online Library Catalog, PC accessible
- Links to Fifth Circuit Archives material via the Online Catalog
- Public Access Terminals providing access to legal research sites, Internet, Lexis and Westlaw  
(using your own password) CD-Rom resources, and Word Processing programs
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- State Statutes, current and superceded, for Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas
- Current biographies of Fifth Circuit judges
- Faxing documents upon request - published and unpublished Fifth Circuit decisions  
and other brief documents can be faxed or emailed to you upon request
- Comprehensive collection of Law Reviews
- Current national and local newspapers and magazines and a great lounge area
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